

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2661**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Salas**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Section 217 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to mental health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2661, as introduced, Salas. California National Guard: mental health assessments: combat troops.

Existing law establishes the California National Guard. Under existing law, various services are available for veterans, both through state and federal programs.

This bill would require the California National Guard to develop a comprehensive and ongoing mental health assessment program for every California National Guard soldier who has been deployed to a combat zone.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 217 is added to the Military and Veterans
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 217. The National Guard shall develop a comprehensive and
- 4 ongoing mental health assessment program for every California
- 5 National Guard soldier who has been deployed to a combat zone.

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